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1. A leper hospital is situated in a wooded area five kilometers north of Talsi (57-15N, 22-38E), Latvian SSR. This hospital serves the populations of the Latvian and Lithuanian SSRs and comprises several two-story houses and a farm.
2. The number of patients (Latvians and Lithuanians) averages from 76 to 79. The staff consists of the following:
 - 1 director
 - 2-3 doctors
 - 10-14 nurses
 - 2-3 chemists
 - 25-30 administrative employees, etc.
3. The hospital is administered and financed by the Ministry of Health. Its budget, in comparison with that of other hospitals, is remarkably high. In other respects it is administered like any other hospital.
4. Matron of the leper hospital for 15 years was a Latvian, Dr. Kirdza Veveris. In 1947, an Estonian, Dr. Ervin Kirsfeld, from the Ministry of Health, was appointed assistant matron; she had recently arrived in Latvia from another part of the Soviet Union and introduced a number of changes in the treatment of patients.
5. In 1948, two Russian scientists arrived in Riga: Professor Stein from Moscow and Professor Pavlov from Arkhangelsk. They both visited Talsi frequently.
6. In 1949, Dr. Kirsfeld was made director of a leper hospital in Estonia and a Russian, Dr. D. Siroyev, became director at Talsi in place of Dr. Veveris.

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